

LPN Lidocaine 1% with Epinephrine sc **July 20, 2006**

Question:

Is it within the scope of practice for a LPN to administer Lidocaine 1% with Epinephrine subcutaneously?

Board Response:

Yes. It is within the LPN scope of practice for a LPN to administer Lidocaine 1% with Epinephrine, provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of Nur 305.01 (c) and (d).

LPN Kenalog **July 20, 2006**

Question:

Is it within the LPN scope of practice to administer Kenalog 10mg. or 40mg. injections?

Board Response:

Yes. It is within the LPN scope of practice to administer Kenalog 10 mg. or 40mg. injections.

Umbilical Line **September 21, 2006**

Question:

Is it within the scope of practice of a RN to start an umbilical line?

Board Response:

Yes. With initial and continued competency under Nur 305.01 (c) and (d) it is within the scope of practice of a RN with Advanced Life Support to start an umbilical line.

D/C JP and Hemovac **September 21, 2006**

Question:

Is it within the scope of practice for a nurse to discontinue JP and hemovac drains?

Board Response:

Yes. It is within the scope of practice of a licensed nurse to discontinue JP and hemovac drains provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of Nur 305.01 (c) and (d)

Apligraf **September 21, 2006**

Question:

Is it within the ARNP scope of practice to apply Apligraf (bilayered, bioengineered living skin substitute)? If so, may this be done independently or must a MD be in attendance?

Board Response:

Yes. It is within the scope of practice for an ARNP to apply Apligraf provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of Nur 305.01 (c) and (d). A MD is not required to be in attendance. The application of Apligraf is also within the RN and LPN scope of practice with a MD order provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of Nur 305.01 (c) and (d).

Chelation therapy **September 21, 2006**

Question:

Is Chelation therapy within a nurse's scope within the state of NH? Chelation therapy is a conventional therapy used to treat heavy metal poisoning. It is an alternative therapy to treat heart disease, cancer and other conditions.

Board Response:

Yes. It is within a nurse's scope of practice to administer Chelation therapy provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of Nur 305.01 (c) and (d). The board reminds licensees of their ethical obligation to provide safe and efficacious care and remind the nurse of the informed consent of the patient and the need to refrain from unethical conduct including but not limited to conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public or demonstrating a willful or careless

Pandemic event	September 21, 2006	<p>disregard for the health or safety of a client. Actual injury need not be established.</p> <p>Question: What is the board's opinion on the following situations?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Viability of expanding scope of practice for certain licensed healthcare professionals during a pandemic event, and 2. "Just in time" training for nonclinical staff <p>Board Response: The organization operates by utilizing protocols such as those developed by Emergency Management agency, JCAHO emergency guidelines, facility credentialing protocols, and with liability protection for licensees with "just in time" training. Further, the board supports ESAR-VHP involvement and the role of the governor in declaring an emergency.</p>
Endoscopy	December 21, 2006	<p>Question: Is it within the scope of practice for a nurse in the Endoscopy Unit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open and close the forceps on an area to be biopsied after placement of the forceps by the provider? • Open and place a snare over a polyp, then close and remove the snare? • Perform sclerotherapy, (by) injecting solution or medication from a syringe (pushing the plunger) after the needle has been placed by the physician? <p>Board Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. It is within the nurse and nurse assistant scope of practice to open and close forceps on an area to be biopsied after the forceps have been placed by the provider provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of nursing rule Nur 305.01 (c) and (d). It is not within the scope of practice for a nurse to take independent action that determines what tissue is biopsied and to actively complete the biopsy. • Yes. It is within the nurse scope of practice to practice sclerotherapy by injecting solution or medication from a syringe (push the plunger) placed and inserted by the physician provided competencies are met and maintained under the requirements of nursing rule Nur 305.01 (c) and (d) • No. It is not within the nurse assistant or medication nursing assistant scope of practice to practice sclerotherapy, as described above. • No. It is not within the nurse or nurse assistant scope of practice to position a snare over a polyp for purposes of polyp removal.
Laser	December 21, 2006	<p>Recurrent Question: Is it within the nurse or nurse assistant scope of practice to administer laser treatments?</p> <p>Board Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. It is within the nurse scope of practice to administer non-ablative laser treatments (non-ablative does not cause tissue destruction) provided Nur 305.01 (c) and (d) is followed.

- No. It is not within the nurse assistant nor the medication nurse assistant scope of practice to administer non-ablative laser treatments.

Botoc

December 21, 2006

Recurrent Question:

Is it within the nurse and nurse assistant scope of practice to administer Botox?

Board Response:

- Yes. It is within the nurse scope of practice to administer Botox provided Nur 305.01 (c) and (d) is followed.
- No. It is not within the nurse assistant or medication nurse assistant scope of practice to administer Botox.

False labor discharge

December 21, 2006

Question:

Is it within the RN scope of practice to certify that a patient is in False Labor and discharge the patient?

Board Response:

No. It is not within the nurse scope of practice to designate or certify False Labor and discharge the patient. For additional information refer to The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA 42CFR489.24) of 2006 and to the policies and procedures of the nurse's employer.

Remicade and Rituxan

December 21, 2006

Question revisited as requested:

Is it within the scope of practice for a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to administer Remicade and Rituxan?

Board Response:

No. The Board reaffirmed its original response that administration of Remicade and Rituxan are not within the scope of practice for the LPN.